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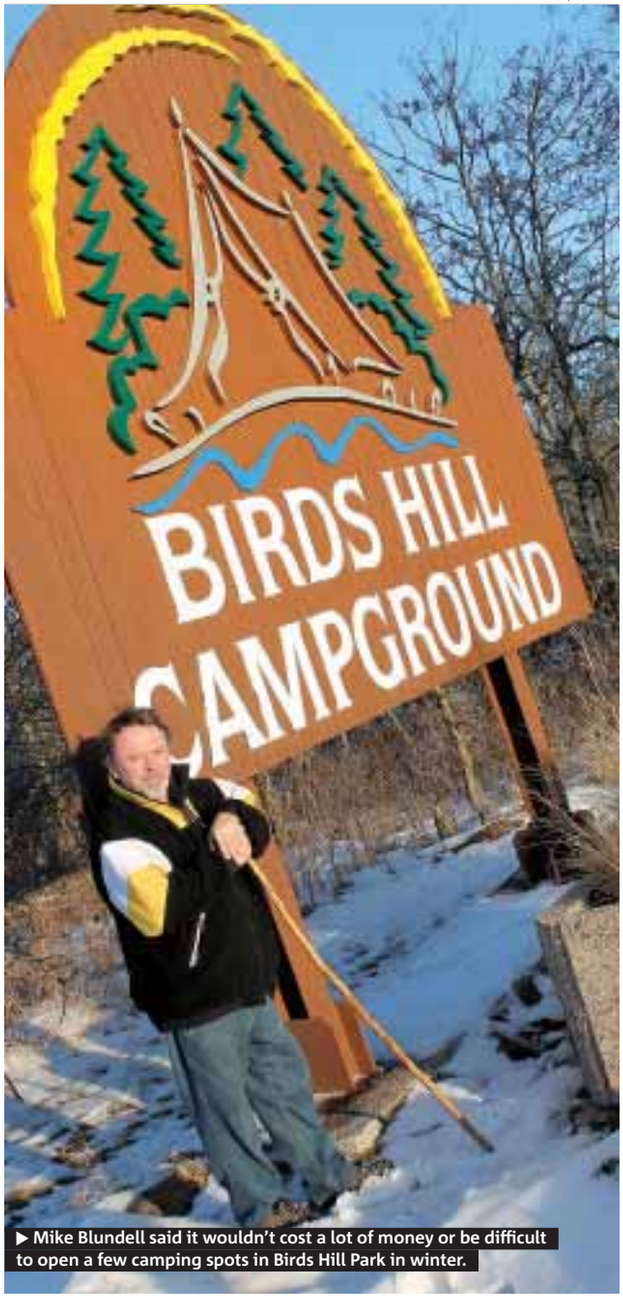

▶ Mike Blundell said it wouldn't cost a lot of money or be difficult to open a few camping spots in Birds Hill Park in winter.

Manitoban up! Camp in winter

▶ One man hoping to garner attention to make winter camping happen ▶ Says Saskatchewan does it, so why can't Manitoba?

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As mercury hit 7 C Thursday, Mike Blundell exited the white-tailed deer trail in Birds Hill Park and spoke passionately of his personal mission.

"I want them to open the campground in the winter."

The 54-year-old Winnipegger has a 35-foot Holiday Rambler RV, complete with 35,000-BTU furnace, and he longs to overnight in a snowy Birds Hill Campground with his family.

Currently the campground shuts down from October until early May.

Blundell said part of the campground was kept open in winter more than 30 years ago, and he's been asking park employees and Manitoba Conservation to reinstate the practice.

"It always 'Well, we don't have the money, we don't have the funding, we can't do this, we can't do that.'"

He wants part of one bay — Chipping Bay — open in winter, and argues it would be easy for plows already working in the park to swing through a dozen campground sites.

The province could use a "self-registration" model, which requires no park employee to be present, he said. Saskatchewan uses the system in the six park campgrounds they keep open during the off-season.

In an email response, a Manitoba Conservation spokesperson said, "There are no plans to broadly offer winter camping in provincial park campgrounds."

"Here's a park that is 15 minutes away ... and they don't do a lot to attract people to that beautiful park. We have a cousin in Texas that we've taken him there and he can't believe it. He says, 'I cannot believe you have a park like this so close to a big city. This is a jewel.'"
'PEGGER MIKE BLUNDELL

Bring it back

▶ Blundell has started a Facebook page to draw attention to the issue, naming it "Bring back winter camping at Birds Hill Provincial Park."

Would you camp in a Manitoba winter?

Mike Blundell claims several RV owners have told him they would use the Birds Hill Campground if it opened in winter, including two friends of his.

He also believes it would draw tourists to the province. When driving through Michigan, he stopped to speak with people in Taquomen Falls State Park after seeing a sign that read "Campground open all year."

"They said, 'We have people from the southern U.S. that come here. They'll be here for a couple of weeks.'"

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U of M seeks funds to hang artwork

The University of Manitoba could get a grant of $10,000 from the city to help pay for the installation of a work of art that once hung in the Winnipeg airport terminal.

The piece, Eli Bornstein's Structurist Relief in Fifteen Parts, is being housed at the U of M after its removal from Richardson International Airport. The school wants to place the work on the southern exterior wall of the Max Bell Centre at a cost of roughly $110,000.

The City of Winnipeg's executive policy committee will discuss the grant on Wednesday.

"This piece sat at the airport for more than 50 years," said John Alho, associate vice-president of the U of M. "This is the last remaining of the two large pieces that were at the airport, so it would be wonderful if we could preserve it as a piece of Winnipeg's heritage."

The university has chipped in $25,000 for the project, and has also requested $30,000 from the Winnipeg Airport Authority and $45,000 from the Manitoba Arts Council.

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▶ A detail from Bornstein's Structuralist Relief in 15 Parts.

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▶ WPS spokesperson Sgt. Rob Riffel releases the numbers for the 2011 festive-season checkstop campaign on Monday.

'Peggers choosing safety and sobriety, police say

Impaired-driving charges last year were down by about 40% from 2010

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Winnipeggers appear to be getting the message about drinking and driving, the Winnipeg Police Service said Monday, after releasing the numbers from its 2011 festive-season checkstop campaign.

In all, 57 people were charged with impaired driving or refusing a breathalyzer during this year's campaign — down from 98 charged in 2010.

The police point to efforts this year to set up near "hot spots" such as bars, socials, parties and even Winnipeg Jets games for the decrease in the number of arrests.

"We're going to where the offences are occurring, basically, and not allowing them to get on the streets and injure people," said WPS spokesperson Sgt. Rob Riffel. "People know now that if they're going out, we'll be looking for them."

The 2011 campaign ran seven days a week from Dec. 6 to Jan. 2 and saw 1,901 vehicles stopped, down from 2,471 last year.

Police will post the names of all those charged on their website within the next week.

By the numbers

- **33:** The average age of those arrested.
- **76:** The age of the oldest person charged.
- **35:** The difference between the number of men (46) and women charged (11).

City removes speed-trap sign

The city wasted little time in removing a sign put up by an anti-photo-radar group south of St. Norbert on Monday.

"We thought it was certainly a significant potential to distract motorists," Brad Sacher, director of the public works department, said of the prompt removal of the sign just hours after it was put up along Highway 75. "So we made the decision to remove the sign."

Sacher said the sign, which informed motorists of the 60 km/h speed limit on the highway and warned of a common location for a WPS speed trap ahead, violated a number of city bylaws and a section of the Highway Traffic Act.

WiseUpWinnipeg spokesperson Todd Dube said he will pick up the sign from the city on Wednesday and put it up at other speed traps across the city in the coming weeks.

"We get complaints from a lot of areas that are under-zoned and poorly posted," he said. "We're going to be moving that sign around the city every week."

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News in brief

Swarming suspect still at large

GANG ASSAULTS. Winnipeg police are still looking for a suspect in a series of vicious beatings. Police said the attacks began Sunday at about 8 p.m. when a group of teens and one adult swarmed a 16-year-old male on Portage Avenue. The youth was taken to hospital with upper-body injuries. Later, police said the group did the same thing to a 13-year-old boy on Spence Street, now in stable condition. The group then allegedly assaulted and robbed a 23-year-old male on Langside Street.

Two 14-year-olds and a man, 19, face robbery and assault charges. Police said they are still on the lookout for one more suspect. ELISHA DACEY

Four dead in Winnipeg Keystone Air crash

- One passenger injured as small plane crashes in northern Ontario
- Too soon to know what caused accident, investigators say

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ELISHA DACEY/METRO

▶ Peter Hildebrand, regional operations manager for the Transportation Safety Board of Canada, speaks to media Tuesday.

Four people are dead and one was airlifted to hospital after a Winnipeg Keystone Air flight carrying five people crashed in northern Ontario Tuesday morning.

Peter Hildebrand, regional operations manager for the Transportation Safety Board of Canada, confirmed three passengers and the pilot perished when the lightweight Piper PA 31 plane slammed onto North Spirit Lake, half a mile from the airport at North Spirit Lake reserve.

The crash happened just after 10 a.m, said Hildebrand, adding it was his understanding the plane caught fire after crashing.

A person reached at the Thunder Bay Aboriginal Strategies Inc. office, speaking on condition of anonymity, confirmed two of its employees, Colette Eisinger and Ben Van Hoek, died in the crash. No one answered the phone at ASI's downtown Winnipeg office.

A North Spirit Lake resident by the name of Martha Campbell also died.

The name of the pilot and the name of the male survivor have not been released.

Band councillor Maggie Kakegamic said the lone survivor is a friend of hers, but didn't know the extent of his injuries or his prognosis.

"I went and saw him. He said, 'I'll be OK.' I hope he is. He's one of our workers. They're monitoring him right now."

George Riopka, spokesman for Keystone Air Service, said details were sketchy. It was too soon to know whether the crash was caused by mechanical failure, he said.

Witnesses said the plane was trying to land during a severe snowstorm, but Riopka said there was nothing to indicate the weather was poor.

Hildebrand said investigators are en route and the board will have more information Wednesday. Access to the reserve is available only by winter roads and plane.

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About the plane:

The plane that crashed, a Navajo Piper PA-31, holds up to eight people and uses a twin engine.

The distance it can fly varies depending on the weight it's carrying, but the Transportation Safety Board of Canada said the plane was well within normal flight range.

Possible machete attack injures man

SHANE GIBSON/METRO

▶ Police tape lined several blocks of Selkirk Avenue as police investigated a possible machete attack.

One man is in hospital and another has been arrested after what witnesses described as a machete attack in the 500 block of Selkirk Avenue.

"Some kid was standing outside a restaurant over there and some kid came around the corner, ran up to him, hit him with a machete, took his phone and took off," said Kyle Daniels, a U of W student taking classes across the street from where the incident happened shortly before 1 p.m. on Monday.

"(He) hit him in the head … he was bleeding pretty bad."

Police wouldn't confirm the robbery or that a machete was used, calling the incident a stabbing.

The victim was taken to hospital in stable condition and police continue to investigate.

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Banner. Years

▶ The Downtown BIZ unveiled 46 new banners at seven "downtown gateways" Tuesday, with the intent to identify boundaries, and create vibrancy and community pride. They will stay up for four years.

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Military hardware missing from Afghan shipments

Thieves replace actual contents with sand and rocks to conceal pilfering Defence department insists weapons and uniforms not among the stolen items

A new report says Canadian military equipment has been stolen from containers being shipped back from Afghanistan and replaced by sand and rocks to mask the larceny.

CBC News says the elaborate theft of Canadian Forces material was discovered when the shipping containers were opened in Montreal.

The Department of National Defence is confirming that various military hardware and gear is missing while insisting that none of the breached containers were carrying weapons, munitions or uniforms.

A full investigation into the theft is underway.

Montreal company A.J. Maritime is responsible for shipping goods back to Canada following the shutdown of the Canadian base in Kandahar last November.

The company's president, Alda Rodrigues, told the CBC program Power and Politics that pilfering has been a widespread problem in the shipping operations.

"The situation in Afghanistan and Pakistan is volatile. Pilfering is occurring. But Canada is not alone," she said.

"All NATO countries have a pilfering problem with their containers. No one knows where the pilfering is occurring."

The CBC report noted that the total costs of losses from such thefts are still unknown.

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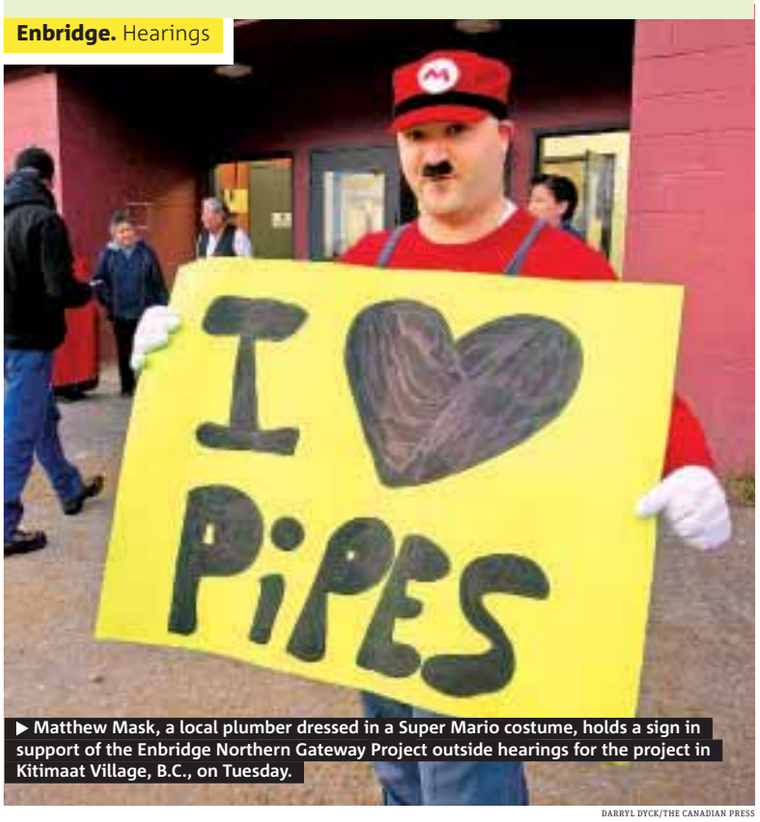
Shipping shambles

- The situation is further complicated by blockades of NATO supply crossings at the Afghan-Pakistan border.
- A.J. Maritime says there are still 448 Canadian shipping containers in Afghanistan. About 40 are currently in transit via a port in Pakistan.
- The number of containers that were compromised is unclear, as are details about exactly what equipment is missing.
- The Department of National Defence says that only low-priority equipment is shipped through Pakistan.

Enbridge. Hearings



▶ Matthew Mask, a local plumber dressed in a Super Mario costume, holds a sign in support of the Enbridge Northern Gateway Project outside hearings for the project in Kitimaat Village, B.C., on Tuesday.

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Piping up about the pipeline

Thousands of people have registered to speak at the hearings regarding the proposed $5.5-billion project to pipe Alberta oil 1,200-kilometres across Alberta and British Columbia to the northwest coast community of Kitimat, where the oil will be shipped overseas by oil tankers.

Teens charged in child's shooting on reserve

Chief Marvin Yellowbird hopes members of his reserve in central Alberta will keep talking with police so more arrests are made in unsolved crimes, just as they have been in the killing of his five-year-old grandson.

RCMP announced Tuesday they have charged three teenage boys with manslaughter in last summer's fatal shooting of Ethan Yellowbird. The boy was sleeping in his bed when a bullet fired from outside his bedroom wall struck him in the head.

It was the second shooting that day on the Samson Cree reserve, one of four that make up the crime-troubled Hobbema community about an hour's drive south of Edmonton.

The Samson First Nation has struggled with gang violence for years, and the boy's death served as a tipping point of sorts for residents, who were often reluctant to speak out about crimes and their perpetrators.

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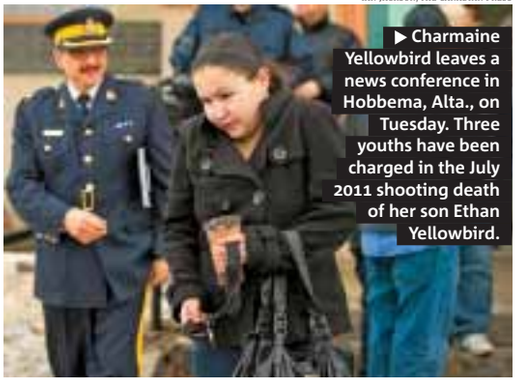

▶ Charmaine Yellowbird leaves a news conference in Hobbema, Alta., on Tuesday. Three youths have been charged in the July 2011 shooting death of her son Ethan Yellowbird.

"I can begin my healing journey. My son will always be in my heart and my memory."
STATEMENT WRITTEN BY ETHAN YELLOWBIRD'S MOTHER, CHARMAINE ASHLEY YELLOWBIRD

The chief and the RCMP issued public pleas for people to come forward with information in the case — and they did.

RCMP said two of the accused have appeared in court and a warrant has been issued for the third. He is believed to be in Edmonton or nearby Red Deer.

Investigators would not provide details about the suspected motive for the shooting, but described the three accused as having ties to gangs. About a dozen gangs have been fighting over the drug trade on the reserve over the last few years. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Stolen meteorite recovered

A meteorite that landed in Russia in the 1940s and was recently stolen from the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque has been found.

The museum contacted an association of meteorite collectors and a Missouri man responded that he had bought it for $1,700. It's worth between $20,000 and $40,000.

The Meteorite Museum at UNM flew an employee to retrieve the nearly 9.5-kilogram chunk of space.

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Romney wins New Hampshire primary

Mitt Romney won the all-important New Hampshire primary on Tuesday, marching a step closer to his coronation as his party's presidential nominee. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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▶ Mitt Romney

Woman fired for forging daughter's death certificate

A New York City school employee who forged a daughter's death certificate to get extra vacation time in Costa Rica has since been fired.

Joan Barnett, 58, a parent co-ordinator at the High School of Hospitality and Management, submitted an altered death certificate to get approved leave time in March and April 2010, according to an investigation report. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

If you build it, they may not come: Banks

- Economists warn of overbuilding in condo market
- Demand decline could lead to easing of home prices

The robust Canadian housing sector, especially the booming condo markets in Vancouver and Toronto, could be at risk in 2012, say the heads of some of Canada's biggest banks.

Gordon Nixon, president and CEO at Royal Bank, told a banking conference Tuesday that the Canadian housing market could be headed for a slowdown, led by Vancouver and Toronto.

"When you look at the condo side, there is probably vulnerability.... It is the area which is most vulnerable with respect to Canadian housing," he said.

Bank of Montreal president CEO Bill Downe agreed there is a risk of a downturn, saying the best hope is for a soft landing.

"There is no question that the warning signs around the Canadian housing market have been visible for more than a year," he said, also mentioning Toronto and Vancouver.

He said investor-owned properties are a concern because there is a buildup of supply based on investor expectations that there will always be demand.

Downe said the hope is that the housing market will plateau and the system will absorb the excess supply built up in those two cities.

Data showed that housing starts rose more than expected in November to more than 200,200 units, with condos in Toronto and the Atlantic region leading the way.

The influx of multi-unit construction has led some economists to warn of overbuilding, which could leave a glut of unsold homes.

Market moment

PRICES AS OF 5 P.M. TUESDAY

TSX	Dollar
+ 7.394 (12,270.66)	+ 0.57¢ (98.33¢ US)
Oil	**Natural gas**
+ 93¢ US ($102.24 US)	$3.00 US (- 0.9¢ US)
	Gold
	$1,631.50 US (+ $23.40 US)

Interest rates are not expected to increase in the coming year, but analysts noted that Canadian households are already at record high debt levels and the growth of both jobs and income has stalled.

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Defect. Redesign

▶ Boeing employee Brian Rothwell displays redesigned flooring, which has decreased defects, on the 737 plane production line at the company's Renton, Wash., factory on Tuesday.

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Boeing boosts production on 737

Boeing celebrated the increase in production rate of 737 line to 35 planes per month at the Renton factory.

Google gets personal on Plus network

Google is sifting through the photos and commentary on its blossoming social network so its Internet search results can include more personal information.

The additional personal touches mark another step towards one of Google's most ambitious goals — to know enough about each of its users so it can tailor its results to fit a unique person's search interests.

Google Inc. is now importing content from its six-month-old Plus service, a product introduced to counter the popularity of Facebook and Twitter. The preferential treatment for Plus might amplify concerns about the objectivity of Google's search results.

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Consumers cut back on credit: Report

Canadians are paying off more of their credit card debt and borrowing less as they cope with a weaker economy and some restrictions on credit expansion.

The latest national credit trends report from Equifax Canada, released Tuesday, says the average credit card debt fell in 2011 by 3.4 per cent.

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▶ Household debt-to-income levels sit at an historic 150 per cent.

Is Tim Cook the top-paid CEO?

Tim Cook could end up being the highest-paid CEO in America in 2011, after Apple Inc. granted him a million restricted stock units for taking the reins before co-founder Steve Jobs died. An Associated Press review of a securities filing shows Cook's pay package was valued at $378 million US. The million restricted stock units were worth $376 million. His salary and performance bonus were about $900,000 each.

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FAT CHANCE FOR MINISTRY OF CHILDHOOD OBESITY

JUST SAYIN' ...

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What's the matter with kids today?

Well, they're fat and getting fatter. According to the Canadian Childhood Obesity Foundation, 26 per cent of the little darlings between the ages of two and 17 are overweight or obese.

In 1978, the number was 15 per cent, so the problem is getting heavier, so to speak.

In case you're not clear on the terms, overweight is fat and obese is fatter.

So now that Canadian parents are raising a generation of porkers, what do we do about it?

Well, we don't do anything. Instead we demand that the government do something. It's the Canadian way.

"An Ipsos Reid poll published this week shows that a big fat majority of Canadians want the government to: pass a law requiring fast food restaurants to list calories, fat and sugar content on their menus ..."

An Ipsos Reid poll published this week shows that a big fat majority of Canadians want the government to: pass a law requiring fast-food restaurants to list calories, fat and sugar content on their menus (90 per cent); restrict the marketing of high fat, sugar and salt content foods to children (80 per cent plus) or ban it altogether (two-thirds).

And they want "resources" to help parents and children become active and healthy. I guess the 52 million plus results on Google aren't enough.

Let me help. You go to Google, type in "childhood obesity in Canada" and the first thing that comes up is the Childhood Obesity Foundation website, and on every page — you can't miss it — is the solution, called Four Simple Steps: Five fruits and vegetables a day; two hours of screen time or less per day; one hour of physical activity a day; zero sugar-sweetened beverages per day.

That's it. No need for government "resources" (code word for money); no need for a Ministry of Childhood Obesity overstuffed with civil servants telling you and your kids how to eat.

It's time to go on a government diet. Instead of looking for a Super Nanny State to take care of your kids, just follow the Four Simple Steps. I guarantee that if every kid follows the plan, there will be no childhood obesity.

Of course, the real problem is sitting on the couch reading this column. Almost 60 per cent of Canadian adults are overweight or obese (Remember? Fat and fatter?) It's do as I say, not do as I do, and you know where that gets you.

I'm no better than you are. My own kids are still recovering from a fast-food childhood. Not to mention their parents. But, really, it's time to stop looking for scapegoats and "resources." As that skinny Euro guy on the bank commercials might say: Save your kids.

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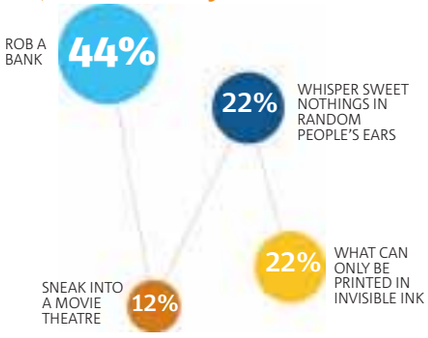

Local tweets

- **@cityofwinnipeg:** WPS River Patrol urging residents to use caution near bodies of water. Ice thickness is still unpredictable.
- **@Mike_Neale:** Winnipeg hit a record of +5.1c today. Tomorrow, old man winter returns from vacation in a cranky mood. #fb
- **@TheRobRetort:** "Look at them. Mocking Me. T-shirts, shorts, not warming up their cars. They'll get theirs. Just wait and see." - Old Man Winter. #Winnipeg
- **@UPSerMatt:** Shortcuts are not meant to be taken slow #Winnipeg #CabDrivers #RavelstonAveW
- **@TeeWrex:** #Winnipeg trapped in a car wash line, and I gotta pee. Reel bad!
- **@Angie_tweets_:** Almost patio time! Yep in Winnipeg, in January! We are doing this!
- **@nicoou:** Ah I love Winnipeg, this bus smells like beer #itsnoteven5 #classytransit
- **@pipskid:** just saw a ladybug walking around on the mailbox. January 10, 2012 Winnipeg, Manitoba. welcome to the end.

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Daily Zoom

A case of Curious George

This dog is a spoonful

Vincent, a nine-year-old Labrador retriever, holds a spoon in his mouth at his home in Annapolis, Md. The dog recently underwent surgery to have the utensil removed from his stomach.

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Stomach of (stainless) steel

An X-ray from a veterinary hospital shows a spoon lodged in Vincent's stomach. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Good box office vibes

Marky Mark is making bank with his films Though he's not likely to get critical acclaim

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"I've always looked at my career as an athlete would look at his," said Mark Wahlberg, star of this weekend's thriller Contraband. "I won't play forever. Some don't know when to walk away, but the smart ones do."

Wahlberg has proven himself to be one of the smart ones. In a career that dates back 20 years, he has moved from strength to strength.

His first taste of success came as the titular lead rapper of Marky Mark and the Funky Bunch. Their 1991 hit Good Vibrations was a highpoint, but just two years later, Wahlberg walked away, leaving the Funky Bunch to fend for themselves.

Streamlining the Marky Mark moniker to his birth name, he took on his first role in front of the camera (that is if you don't count his short lived career as an underwear model for Calvin Klein). Roles in The Basketball Diaries (opposite his future The Departed star Leonardo DiCaprio) and Fear, where he played what one writer called "a teenaged Travis Bickle" got him notice, but it was Boogie Nights that made him a movie star.

The role of Dirk Diggler, a naïve man with physical charms sucked into the dark underbelly of the 1970s Californian porn industry, showed his range (among other things) but he wasn't the first choice for the role. DiCaprio was offered the part but turned it down because he was already committed to Titanic. He suggested his Basketball Diaries co-star Wahlberg.

The movie was a hit, but a certain prosthetic got almost as much attention as Wahlberg's performance. He still has the 13-inch rubber prop, which he keeps in a safe at his mother's home, otherwise, he says, "mom would… put it on the end of her Dustbuster thinking it came with the vacuum cleaner."

Since then Three Kings, The Perfect Storm, The Italian Job, Shooter, We Own the Night, Planet of the Apes and Four Brothers have all been box office hits. His work in The Departed brought him the best notices of his career to date plus an Oscar nomination and The Fighter (which he also produced) was an artistic triumph.

Despite all the spot-on choices, like many actors he's turned down some important roles. Can you imagine him as Linus in Ocean's 11? Or how about Brokeback Mountain? That part went to Jake Gyllenhaal, who earned an Oscar nod for his work.

GETTY IMAGES

▶ Mark Wahlberg continues to make financial successes, while turning down more important roles.

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Mad Men

Mad Men last aired a new episode in Oct. 2010. But relief is in sight, according to its star, Jon Hamm. Hamm revealed on a podcast last week that the premiere of the fifth season is Mar. 25.

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Coachella festival announces headliners Radiohead, The Black Keys and Dr. Dre with Snoop Dogg

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Let's spend our time together this morning checking in on America's version of a royal birth, shall we? I speak, of course, about Blue Ivy Carter, who, according to a press release from her two very famous parents, had a very "emotional and extremely peaceful" birth. And, per the release, came into the world "naturally" (no C-section). You hear that? Not only was the birth peaceful, it was "extremely" so, meaning that Beyoncé does not vomit or poop herself while bringing life into this world. I doubt she even grimaced or cursed, she is that perfect. Another perfect thing? This baby's bling lifestyle. Beyoncé and Jay-Z reportedly spent $1.5 million on designer toys and nursery furnishings for the newborn.

"Jay-Z bought Beyoncé a solid gold handmade Ginza Tanaka rocking horse for $600,000. They've even splashed out on a $30,000 magical windmill playhouse for the garden and a mini Bugatti car, too," a source tells Britain's Star magazine. "They've bought a wardrobe packed with thousands of dollars' worth of one-off designer baby clothes."

Other items reportedly include a Swarovski crystal-encrusted high-chair, a chic lucite crib and gold and diamond rattles from Tiffany & Co.

Since the source of this story is Star magazine, let's take this with a grain of salt.

But, really, a high chair covered in crystals?

That has to cause some major diaper rash.

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▶ 'Money ain't a thang' for Jay-Z and Beyoncé's new child.

First-world Bieber problems

Justin Bieber is feeling the pressure of success — and may be getting a little paranoid.

"Now that I'm on top, everyone wants to bring me down," Bieber tells V Magazine.

"Everyone's trying to tug at me and take my spot."

The best comparison Bieber can find for his current situation is Floyd Mayweather.

"He's the best boxer in the world. Now he is a champion," he says. "Every time he goes to a fight now, people are like, 'He's going to lose this time.'"

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▶ It isn't easy being Biebs.

▶ Lindsay Lohan

Take three for LiLo

After false starts with shots at playing Linda Lovelace and Victoria Gotti, Lindsay Lohan is trying the biopic route once again to get her career restarted.

The troubled starlet has reportedly signed on to play Elizabeth Taylor in the Lifetime Original Movie Elizabeth & Richard: a Love Story, according to Deadline. The film will focus on Taylor's relationship with Richard Burton.

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Talking points

Snoop Dogg busted for pot possession

IN OTHER NEWS, SKY STILL BLUE. Snoop Dogg was arrested for marijuana possession in Texas when a police dog sniffed out some weed on his tour bus recently, according to TMZ.

Law enforcement officials say the discovery came during a routine border patrol stop in Sierra Blanca and that the rapper was issued a citation for misdemeanor drug possession and released.

Snoop has a prescription for marijuana in California, but that might not mean much in Texas.

If he's convicted on the drug charge, he could face up to 180 days in jail. METRO

Pitt fine with kids in the biz

HE WILL NEED SOMEONE TO PAY FOR HIS LIFESTYLE WHEN HE GETS OLD With two parents in the business, it wouldn't be surprising if one of Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie's six children decides to give acting a try, and Pitt says he's fine with that — with some conditions.

"Whatever they want to do. Whatever makes them happy," Pitt tells Hollyscoop. "But not until they're 18."

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Perry bails on People's Choice

BETTER THINGS TO DO Katy Perry was set to take part in the People's Choice Awards Wednesday, her first public appearance since husband Russell Brand filed for divorce, but now she's skipping out on the show.

"Unfortunately I will not be able to attend the People's Choice Awards," Perry posted to Twitter.

"I want to thank you all for voting for me. Fingers crossed!"

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Celebrity tweets

@evanrachelwood

"Yes, sometimes celebrities don't wear make up. Shocking, I know. But we can get through this."

@ChloeGMoretz

"When u don't get a reply on ur text but u see him tweeting #Classy"

@1jamiebell

"Dear tangled headphones in my pocket. You are making me look stupid. Now pull yourself together."

@hughhefner

"Shera was under the weather last week & this week it's Anna. Keeping my fingers crossed."

Cruising In style

Forget those giant city ships that can carry more than 6,000 cruisers
Premium cruise lines offer a luxury experience, complete with a butler

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▶ Shore excursions are often included on premium cruises.

It's remarkable to watch an active volcano from the deck of a cruise ship in the middle of the night — especially in Europe. The experience was not on our original itinerary, but it's the kind of unusual experience Captain Carl Smith loves to find and share with passengers onboard the Azamara Quest. The deck lights are turned off, and passengers line the ship's decks to watch in awe as Italy's Mount Stromboli spews orange lava into the sky.

"I love my job!" Smith tells his passengers. And it shows; the captain even welcomes passengers to join him for a hike in Kotor, Montenegro — basically a "free" shore excursion. I've never seen any other cruise captain engage with passengers like this.

Cruising on a premium line with smaller ships creates a more intimate experience than the mass-market mega ships (some now carrying more than 6,000 passengers). For a price, passengers of Azamara, Regent Seven Seas, Seabourn, Crystal, and other premium, smaller-ship lines get an upscale experience with added value. The bonuses vary from line to line, but can include such things as airfare, shore excursions, or hotels before or after the cruise. With a capacity of only about 700 passengers, the Azamara Quest isn't exactly a private yacht, but she's small enough to feel intimate, especially with a ratio of one staff member for two passengers — who are mostly adults on our sailing. Stepping aboard the Quest, my partner remarks that the ship's sophisticated and refined decor reminds him of a Farimont hotel. The Azamara cruise fare includes basic gratuities. It also includes wine selections with lunch and dinner.

The food is the best I've ever eaten on a ship — good enough to tempt us away from Italy's restaurants and back onboard for dinner. Azamara offers long stays in some ports; with departures as late as 11:00 p.m., it's often possible to dine in port.

Our oversized stateroom (a "Club Continent Suite") includes a large balcony where our butler serves our requested breakfasts.

Toward the end of the voyage I hear many fellow passengers dreaming of their next Azamara trip. With a huge variety of ports and itineraries available, we're tempted to do the same.

Still a classic: The Love Boat itinerary

While the '70s TV series The Love Boat didn't invent cruising, it was a huge visibility boost to the industry.

The Pacific Princess isn't making another run to the Mexican Riviera this season, but her sister ship, Sapphire Princess, is. Other lines, including Holland America, Disney and Carnival, offer itineraries starting in L.A. or San Diego, with stops in Puerto Vallarta and Cabo San Lucas. Love Boat port Mazatlan is sometimes included.

It's not likely your cruise director will be as concerned about your love-life as Julie McCoy was, but it's still a pleasant trip and often value-priced.

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Travel in brief

Penticton, B.C. is one of the 10 best places in the world to visit, according to a survey of Facebook users by the on-line publication The Huffington Post. The publication says it analyzed more than 200 million comments and other travel references on the social network site to come up with the list.

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It's not just for Christmas

The holidays may be over, but this lean meat can be enjoyed at any time of the year Try stuffing it with a combination of sweet apples & savoury herbs Serve with mashed potatoes

In this recipe, the combination of sweet apples and savoury herbs infuse into the turkey, creating a tender and flavourful experience with every bite.

Serve it with green beans and mashed potatoes for a complete meal.

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This recipe makes two to four servings.

Ingredients:

- 1 turkey breast (1 to 1.5 kg/2 to 3 lb)
- 500 ml (2 cups) cubed bread pieces (crusts trimmed)
- 1 onion chopped
- 2 stalks celery, diced
- 2 apples, peeled, cored and chopped
- 8 freshly chopped sage leaves
- 22 ml (1 1/2 tbsp) freshly chopped thyme, divided
- 2 eggs, beaten
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) each freshly chopped rosemary and parsley

Preparation:

1. Heat oven to 190 C (375 F). In bowl, place bread, onion, celery, apples, sage and 7 ml (1 1/2 tbsp) of chopped thyme. Mix in eggs, salt, pepper.
2. Place turkey on cutting board and with sharp knife cut a deep pocket horizontally, being careful not to cut through other side. Pocket should be about 6 cm (2 1/2 inches) long and 3.5 cm (1 1/2 inches) deep. Spoon in stuffing.
3. Wrap foil around open end of turkey and use butcher's twine to secure lengthwise and then widthwise. Rub turkey with remaining chopped thyme, rosemary and parsley, salt and pepper and transfer to a roasting pan. Roast turkey for 30 to 40 minutes or until an instant-read thermometer registers 75 C (165 F). Remove from oven and let rest for 10 minutes before slicing. **THE CANADIAN PRESS/ CHEF JOHN CIRILL**

Drink of the week

Pear & Cranberry Bellini

- 45 ml (1 1/2 oz) pear nectar or pear puree
- 45 ml (1 1/2 oz) cranberry juice
- Sparkling wine
- Pomegranate seeds, for garnish

In a cocktail shaker, with ice, combine pear nectar and cranberry juice. Shake well to chill. Pour into a Champagne flute, top with sparkling wine and garnish with a sprinkle of pomegranate seeds. Serve immediately. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ SENSES.CA**

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My favourite spot in Canada

CATHY JONES: ST. PHILIP'S, NFLD.

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My favourite place in Canada is St. Philip's, Nfld.

As a child, it fed my mind and heart with magic. I remember an old wooden bridge where fishermen always stood gutting cod and throwing the heads into the water behind them. It was bloody amazing. Bloody and amazing. The icy water would take ages to get into for a swim, but we'd stay until our lips were blue, townies from St. John's splashing around with mysterious wild Bay children and their funny accents.

Away from the beach, the grass stretched out lazily along a freshwater gully where my mother would sit in the shade painting watercolours, while Dad boiled the kettle on the Coleman stove. We'd climb the hill behind there, sneak up on cattle in fields, and explore the ancient church and graveyard where people with old names like Jeddediah and Anselum lay buried.

"Let's GO!"

When we heard that, it was time to pack it up. Sometimes I would cry inconsolably from the heartbreak of leaving.

Going there taught me so much: that the natural world is devastatingly beautiful and cruel, and that life is like a day at the beach: too hot, too cold, too salty, too sweet. And too short altogether.

A CANADIAN COMEDY ICON, CATHY JONES CURRENTLY STARS IN THIS HOUR HAS 22 MINUTES AIRING TUESDAY AT 8:30 P.M. ON CBC TELEVISION (9 P.M. IN ST. PHILIP'S AND OTHER TOWNS IN NEWFOUNDLAND)

GETTING BEHIND THE SCHEMES

WORKPLACE LAW

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Money is the cause of most workplace disputes.

Employees and employers each feel that they deserve more of it and each will invariably go to great lengths to keep it in their own pockets, leaving less for the other.

The following are some of the most common money-saving schemes that employers try to pull on employees, followed by next week's column on employees' favourite tricks.

Alleged poor performance:

Employers hate paying employees not to work for them. But this is exactly what the law of severance requires.

To fire an employee in Canada, they must be paid fair severance. However, employers attempt to circumvent this law by "building" a case for poor performance, hoping it will reduce their severance obligation or eliminate them altogether. Most of these attempts will fail. Unless an employee is objectively incompetent, courts do not award less severance for alleged poor performance.

Bonuses:

Similarly, why would an employer reward an employee with a bonus, if he is about to be fired? Most will not, claiming that the bonus was a matter of discretion. However, seldom are bonuses truly discretionary, no matter how they are described.

If there is a reasonable expectation for payment, based on past practices, it must still be paid.

Overtime:

Employers encourage and then reward employees who work around the clock. But then they hate to pay them for it.

One common trick is to pile on so much work that the employee has no choice but to stay late and since they were not specifically asked to work overtime, employers argue they have no entitlement to extra pay for it. Unaware that employment legislation requires overtime payment, without exception, for any overtime hours actually worked, regardless of the reason, many employees are routinely underpaid.

Non-competition agreements:

Most employers now include these in their contracts, no matter how junior or administrative the employee. The problem is that they expect employees to comply with restrictions, such as not working in their industry for long periods of time, while refusing to pay them severance during this period. For a court to uphold a post employment restriction, it must agree that it is fair. Employers cannot expect employees to stay at home, without compensating them for that time.

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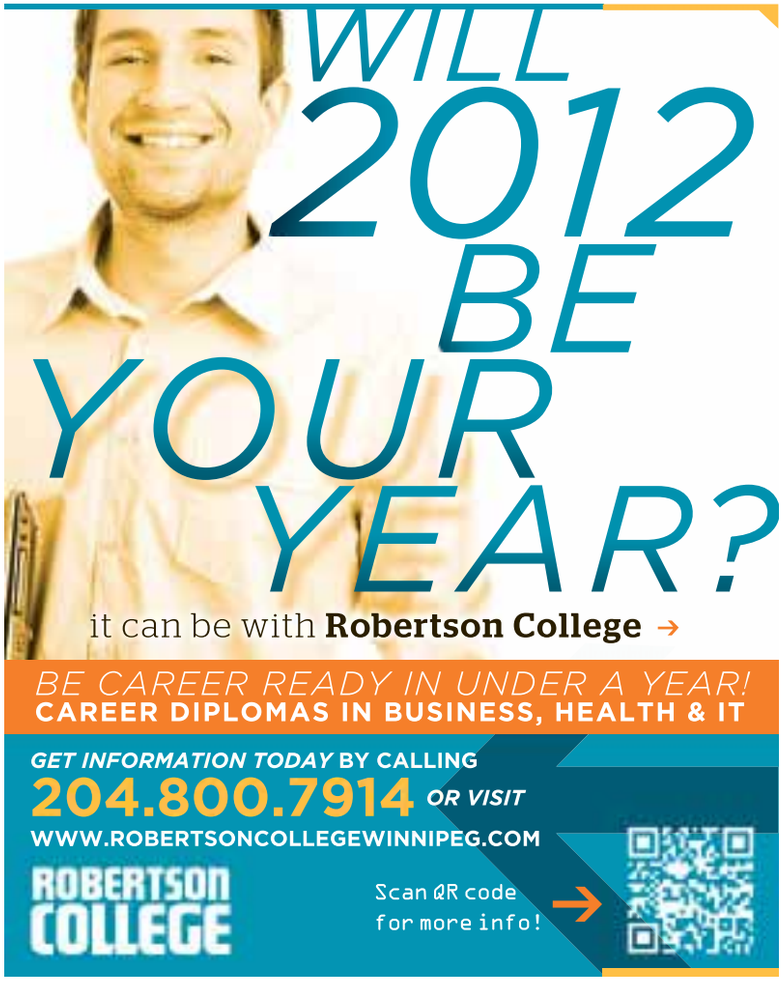
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▶ Winnipeg's Mark Stuart, left, takes a punch from Shawn Thornton in Boston on Tuesday night.

Jets KO'd by champs

Winnipeg carries 3-2 lead into third but fails to go the distance in Boston

BRUINS	JETS
5	3

Nathan Horton's second goal of the game keyed Boston's three-goal third period as the Bruins beat the Winnipeg Jets 5-3 Tuesday night.

After Horton scored eight seconds into the final period, Tyler Seguin and Benoit Pouliot followed over the next 6:33 to lift Boston in a game that featured a penalty shot by both teams.

Boston goalie Tuukka Rask stopped Chris Thorburn in the first period and Shawn Thornton beat Winnipeg's Ondrej Pavelec in the second for a short-handed goal after he came flying out of the penalty box and grabbed a loose puck.

The last time two teams had a penalty shot in the same game was Minnesota at Phoenix on Oct. 8, 2005. The Bruins had a penalty shot for the second straight game after Daniel Paille failed to convert Saturday against Vancouver.

Andrew Ladd, former Bruin Blake Wheeler and Eric Fehr scored for the Jets, who got two assists apiece from defencemen Zach Bogosian and Tobias Enstrom and ended a four-game road trip with a 1-3 record.

Horton, who has five goals in the last four games, directed home a pass from David Krejci to tie the score 3-3 in the opening seconds of the third. Seguin then scored the tiebreaker at 3:06 and Pouliot added a power-play goal at 6:41.

Rask came in with three shutouts in his last four starts while stopping 128 of the last 129 shots he faced. He led the NHL in goals-against average and save percentage, but yielded three goals on 24 shots in the first two periods. He then shut the door as his teammates took over at the other end, with 22 shots in the third period.

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Wizards put spell on Raps in D.C.

WIZARDS	RAPTORS
93	78

Rashard Lewis and Nick Young each had 15 points to lead the Washington Wizards to their first win after eight straight losses, a 93-78 victory over the Toronto Raptors on Tuesday night.

After the worst start in franchise history, coach Flip Saunders left Andray Blatche and Lewis on the bench to start the game. It was the first time this season Blatche didn't start.

Blatche had nine points and eight rebounds in 25 minutes. John Wall tied his season high with nine assists, but missed nine of 12 shots. In his last two games, Wall is six for 21 from the field.

Toronto, which was playing its second of three games in three nights, was led by Andrea Bargnani with 22 points.

The Raptors, who scored just 62 points against Philadelphia on Saturday, threatened that mark again. After leading 20-17 after one, Toronto scored just 14 points in the second quarter and 18 in the third. The Raptors missed their first 14 three-point attempts and committed a season-high 23 turnovers.

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"Manny Pacquiao I'm calling you out let's fight May 5th and give the world what they want to see."

FLOYD MAYWEATHER JR., WHO TOOK HIS QUEST FOR A FIGHT WITH MANNY PACQUIAO TO TWITTER ON TUESDAY. MAYWEATHER IS AVAILABLE FOR A FIGHT IN LAS VEGAS THIS MAY AFTER A JUDGE AGREED LAST WEEK TO POSTPONE HIS JAIL SENTENCE IN A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CASE UNTIL JUNE.

"My Jail Sentence was pushed back because the date was locked in. Step up Punk."

MAYWEATHER IN A SEPARATE TWEET DIRECTED TOWARDS PACQUIAO.

Raiders fire first-year coach

The Oakland Raiders fired coach Hue Jackson on Tuesday after just one season at the helm in the first major move since Reggie McKenzie was hired as general manager.

The decision to get rid of Jackson came four days after the team announced the hiring of McKenzie as the team's first general manager since the death of longtime owner Al Davis in October.

The move marks a rapid fall for Jackson, who was in charge of personnel decisions and coaching after Davis died of heart failure on Oct. 8.

Jackson made the trade for quarterback Carson Palmer after starter Jason Campbell broke his collarbone, costing the Raiders a 2012 first-round draft pick and a conditional 2013 second-rounder.

While Palmer showed signs of giving the Raiders a big-time quarterback, he was unable to get Oakland to the playoffs for the first time since 2002, raising questions about how effective that trade was.

After starting the season 7-4, the Raiders lost four of their final five games to mark their ninth straight season without a winning record or a playoff berth. A late-game collapse at home to Detroit on Dec. 18 and a 38-26 loss to San Diego at home in the season finale did in the Raiders and ultimately Jackson.

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RON CARON

'Professor' dead at 82

Ron Caron, the fiery and brilliant long-time hockey executive known as the "Professor," has died. He was 82.

Caron worked as a scout and assistant general manager under long-time GM Sam Pollock and helped build the Montreal teams that won Stanley Cups in 1971, '73 and four straight titles from '76-'79.

The Gatineau, Que., native was named general manager of the St. Louis Blues in 1983 and spent over a decade in the position, acquiring stars like Brett Hull and Doug Gilmour to build a franchise struggling to survive into a competitive team.

He died Monday night in Montreal, a Blues team spokesman confirmed Tuesday morning. No cause of death was released. Caron suffered a stroke in 2003 and had been living in a nursing home. THE CANADIAN PRESS

No more moves?

With retooled bullpen, Blue Jays GM says off-season shopping probably done

After a busy off-season, the general manager of the Toronto Blue Jays says he's probably done tinkering with the roster for now.

Speaking at a winter caravan stop in his hometown of Montreal, Alex Anthopoulos said he does not expect to make any more significant changes to the club's roster ahead of spring training.

Anthopoulos has been active in recent weeks, overhauling the team's bullpen and making a few additions to strengthen the bench.

He said the team as it stands now is likely the one fans can expect to see when camp opens next month in Dunedin, Fla.

"I think we've filled all the positions, but there are always areas to improve,"

"Acquiring Sergio Santos gives us that ninth-inning guy that we can bridge to."
MANAGER JOHN FARRELL

Anthopoulos said Tuesday. "I wouldn't anticipate any free agent signings anymore at this point ... there's some focus on the trade market but as we sit here today, I don't see us doing anything else between now and spring training."

But as always, Anthopoulos noted, "that can change with one phone call."

The team added veteran left-hander Darren Oliver to the bullpen mix on Monday. Toronto also acquired closer Sergio Santos and brought back reliever Jason Frasor in separate deals with the White Sox earlier in the off-season.

Anthopoulos has also retooled the Jays bench, notably with the additions of outfielder Ben Francisco and backup catcher Jeff Mathis.

Last season, the Jays had a deep lineup that finished in the top five in runs scored but they also had an erratic bullpen. Toronto finished fourth in the American League East with an 81-81 record.

Manager John Farrell said he likes the depth in the outfield with the only question mark being who will start in left field: Eric Thames or Travis Snider.

But having a group of relievers with defined roles in 2012 should help, he said. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

College. Football

▶ The Alabama football team arrives at Tuscaloosa Regional Airport on Tuesday.

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Alabama welcomes champs home

Alabama's NCAA championship football team returned home Tuesday to a state where the Crimson Tide's BCS victory over LSU had special meaning after last year's deadly tornado outbreak. Hundreds cheered at Tuscaloosa's airport as the team arrived from New Orleans on two charter jets. Fans stood with umbrellas and red-and-white shakers in a steady rain just a few miles from neighbourhoods devastated by a tornado that killed more than 50 people in the city, including several students.

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Powerplant option 1

The Malibu's starting point is a new base 2.5-litre four-cylinder that produces an estimated 190 horsepower and 180 pound-feet of torque.

That's up from the previous 2.4-litre four-cylinder's 169/158 rating. The new 2.5 operates through a six-speed automatic transmission.

Powerplant option 2

The second offering is the General Motors' eAssist limited hybrid system, similar to that used in the 2012 Buick LaCrosse and Regal.

This "Eco" model consists of a 182-horsepower 2.4-litre four-cylinder gas engine working in tandem with a 15-horsepower electric motor/generator (with 110 pound-feet of torque) and six-speed automatic transmission. The motor replaces the traditional alternator, assisting the engine via a belt with power supplied by a lithium-ion battery pack located behind the rear seat.

Eco technologies

The battery contributes about 30 kilograms to the Malibu's weight, but the Eco's aluminum hood and rear bumper beam (and other measures) slice a reported 60 kilograms from the car's total.

Other Eco technologies include stop/start that shuts off the engine when the vehicle is at rest, then fires it up when the brake pedal is released.

As well, a system recovers braking energy and converts it into electrical energy to help recharge the batteries.

▶ Even though it will be sold in countries with narrow streets, the new Malibu is about eight centimetres wider than the previous model.

Chevy Malibu poised to make some waves

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From the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean and beyond, the next-generation Malibu aims to make waves on a truly global scale and shore up the Chevrolet brand in every continent short of Antarctica.

Arriving in early 2012, the new Malibu is a direction-changing model in nearly every sense, from its appearance to its powerplant choices that emphasize fuel efficiency.

But what does that mean to you?

It sheds about 11.5 centimetres between the front and rear wheels, but is slightly taller and nearly eight centimetres wider.

Along with a broader stance, the result is added interior volume, especially front and rear shoulder and hip room.

In addition, the amount of available trunk space has also been increased.

The previous Malibu was no slouch, yet the new car takes that up a notch in terms of style and fuel economy. It doesn't qualify as spectacular, or jaw dropping, but that seems to be the norm in the mid-size-sedan class. But with the competition so stiff, offering up something exciting and jaw dropping might not be far off so as to create a car you not only like, but one you fall in love with.

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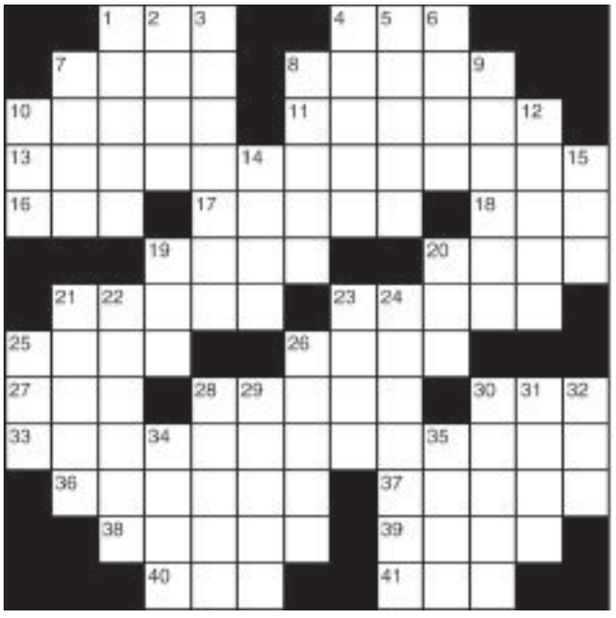

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23 Gratis
24 "—, Martin and John"
25 Larry's pal
26 "American Idol" alumnus Clay
28 World-weary
29 Construction connector
30 Singer LeAnn
31 Eye part
32 Peculiar
34 Doorstop, often
35 "Perry Mason" star

▶ Tuesday's answer

Sudoku

1							5	3
9	4		7		8			2
6				2				
	9				4			
3		4				8		1
			5				2	
				5				6
4			2		7		8	9
5	7							4

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Tuesday's answer ▶

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Heartbreaker
He told me he would never forget me. That first glance, his face is frozen in time. He told me he loved me. Whispered into my neck, crying for us & them, though he did not cry often. Now I'm a stranger to him. Someone he used to know. I know it can't be any other way. Still my heart aches for him. Still, I would forgive him for erasing me from his memory if only to hear his voice once more.
FROM HEARTBROKEN

Telergy
We might having a same time to kiss each other it's no necessarian to say anything break both hearts those were beared a kiloton ever...do not love it's hurt.
FROM JIM

A look at the weather

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Jenna Khan, Weather Specialist
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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Min -14°	Min -18°	Min -13°
Max -14°	Max -13°	Max -7°

Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20
What seems of no importance to you may be of earth-shattering significance to someone else, so don't dismiss their worries out of hand.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21
You should be out in the world making things happen.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21
Whatever happens today, be it good or be it bad, don't let your emotions get the better of you.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22
You have no choice but to accept that partners and colleagues have the upper hand.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23
Yes, you can get angry and bawl someone out — they certainly deserve it — but will it make any difference in the long-term?

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22
Some topics are best avoided today.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23
You may be thinking of changing something in your life, but is it really necessary?

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22
If you are in any way artistic now is the time to create something special.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 The decisions you make today must be logical and practical — otherwise they could come back to haunt you on the 20th.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20
A problem that has been causing you sleepless nights must be dealt with immediately.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18
Cosmic activity in the most sensitive area of your chart could make this a confusing sort of day, but don't let it worry you because nothing bad will come of it.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20.
There is no need to worry if you have not seen eye-to-eye with a loved one in recent weeks. What happens today will give you the chance to explain yourself

SALLY BROMPTON

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